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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4708

April 2, 2009

The Honorable David Obey
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting funding in the FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, Corps of Engineers, USACE Operations and Maintenance Account for operation and maintenance. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 441 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20314. The funding would be used for replacement of the current structure and enable the Corps to meet ongoing fish passage needs. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Conference's policy on project requests, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

DAVID G. REICHERT
Member of Congress

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)****CONGRESSIONAL SITE VISIT CERTIFICATION**

In the interests of accountability and transparency, we require that either the Congressman or a member of the Congressman's professional staff visit each project site requesting federal funding. This will enable our office to more thoroughly assess the merits of each project and ensure that limited taxpayer funds are invested wisely.

Upon completion of the congressional site visit, please complete this form and have a representative from the organization (not a representative from a lobbying firm) sign it. The Congressional Staff Member visiting the site will be responsible for collecting the form at the time of the visit.

I hereby certify that on 4/1, 2009 Congressman Dave Reichert/a professional staff member from Congressman Dave Reichert's office visited our organization/project for the purposes of reviewing our request for federal funding.

PROJECT NAME: WHITE RIVER DIVERSION DAM Project (MAINT.)

DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: 4/1/09

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: DUANE E. RIVERA

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: COUNCILMEMBER ASSISTANT

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: LAKE TAPPS TASK FORCE

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: _____

SIGNATURE: Duane E. Rivera DATE: 4/1/09

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: Gwen Fraser

SIGNATURE: Gwen Fraser DATE: 4-1-09



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March 27, 2009

The Honorable Dave Reichert
United States House of Representatives
1730 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Reichert:

On behalf of the Lake Tapps Task Force, thank you for your continued support of appropriations for the US Army Corps of Engineers' Mud Mountain Dam. Your efforts also help preserve the Lake Tapps reservoir in Pierce County. Your assistance has been critical to ensuring that this reservoir continues to provide many important benefits to the citizens of Pierce County and the greater Puget Sound region.

The Administration's budget request to Congress for FY 2010 is expected to contain a yet to be determined amount for the Corps of Engineers to continue its work at Mud Mountain Dam. These funds provide for operation, maintenance and capital construction activities. As we have discussed before, the White River barrier dam and fish passage facilities near Buckley, Washington not only allow the Corps of Engineers to trap and haul threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon above Mud Mountain Dam, but they also allow for the diversion of the water necessary to maintain Lake Tapps. We request your assistance again this year to ensure that this funding is maintained for the Corps of Engineers' in the FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

We appreciate your recognition of this important project and the inclusion of the funds needed to support its continued operation and replacement. Puget Sound Chinook salmon continue to make great strides on the White River and the ongoing operation of the Corp's fish trap is critical for ensuring that salmon can utilize upstream habitat for spawning and rearing.

Again, we appreciate your steadfast support for this project and we look forward to working with you to ensure that these critical funds are appropriated for the US Army Corps of Engineers in the FY 2010 budget process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat McCarthy".
Pat McCarthy
Co-Chair, Lake Tapps Task Force

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shawn Bunney".
Shawn Bunney
Co-Chair, Lake Tapps Task Force

FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization making request: Lake Tapps Task Force Federal Tax Status: (i.e. 501(c)3)

Address: 930 Tacoma Avenue South, #1046

City: Tacoma State: WA ZIP Code: 98402

Point of Contact(POC): Duane Rivera, Councilmember Shawn Bunney's office

Phone: 253-798-3635 Email: drivera@co.pierce.wa.us

Address: 930 Tacoma Avenue South, #1046

City: Tacoma State: WA ZIP Code: 98402

DC Representation (if any): Chad See, K&L Gates

Phone: 202-487-3562 Email: chad.see@klgates.com

Address: 1602 K St. NW

City: Washington, DC State: ZIP Code: 20006

PROJECT/PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROJECT TITLE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mud Mountain Dam Operations and Maintenance Funding

Prioritized: 4 of 4 total requests for your organization

Appropriations Bill: (Please check)

☐ Agriculture
 ☐ Commerce, Justice, Science
 ☐ Defense
☒ Energy and Water
 ☐ Interior and Environment
☐ State, Foreign Operations
 ☐ Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
☐ Military Construction, Veterans' Administration
 ☐ Homeland Security
☐ Transportation, Housing and Urban Development
 ☐ Financial Services
☐ Legislative Branch

Agency/Bureau (i.e. FBI; Corps of Engineers; US Navy; ARS, etc.): Corps of Engineers

Account (i.e. Buildings and Facilities, Aviation Safety; Capital Improvements, etc): USACE Operations and Maintenance Account

Amount requested for FY2010: \$ TBD by the Corps

Total cost of project: \$ TBD by the Corps

Minimum amount of FY2010 funding needed to begin or sustain this project: \$ TBD by the Corps

Is this program authorized? ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, bill number: Year:

Is this program funded in the President's FY10 budget request? ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, amount: \$TBD

Anticipated total future requests: \$ TBD Over the next years

Local, state and/or private funding sources: Cascade Water Alliance

Total Amount: \$ in-kind Over the next years

Other sources of Federal funding: None

Total Amount: \$ Over the next years

Federal Agency Sponsor or Program Manager: USACE, Patricia Robinson

Office: USACE, Seattle District Office

Phone Number: 206-764-3495

Other agency advocate (if any):

Office:

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Phone Number:

Are you requesting this through any other office(s):

If yes, which office(s): Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell.
Representatives Adam Smith and Norm Dicks.

PROJECT FUNDING HISTORY (FROM CURRENT YEAR BACKWARD)

FISCAL YEAR	PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST	FUNDING AMOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS BILL	ACCOUNT, SUBACCOUNT
2009	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000	\$3,036,000	Energy & Water	USACE Operation & Maintenance
2008	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	\$3,770,000	Energy & Water	USACE Operation & Maintenance
2007	\$2,639,000	Same as funding	\$2,639,000	Energy & Water	USACE Operation & Maintenance
2006	unknown	\$975,000	\$903,000	Energy & Water	USACE Operation & Maintenance
2005	unknown	Same as funding	\$1,100,000	Energy & Water	USACE Operation & Maintenance

Executive Summary/Project Description (MAXIMUM 200 Words):

- Please include a discussion of the project's merits, relevance, eligibility, and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds.
- Please limit your description to 200 words.
- You may attach additional information, however, please understand that the description provided below will be used for any and all public disclosure requirements.

Mud Mountain Dam is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control dam on the White River, controlling floods in the lower White and Puyallup River valleys. The new dam will replace the 100-year old structure and enable the Corps to meet ongoing fish passage needs for Mud Mountain dam.

The Corps of Engineers relies upon the White River diversion dam and trap and haul facilities to enable it to meet its fish passage needs for its Mud Mountain Dam on the White River. Using these trap and haul facilities, threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon are able to be passed to spawning habitat above Mud Mountain Dam. If the operation of the White River diversion dam is discontinued, the fish passage facility will not function properly and Mud Mountain Dam will become an impassible barrier to salmon and other anadromous species.

Justification of funding:

- How does this request fit within the identified bill and account (cite specific precedents and overall purpose of account)?
- How many jobs could this project create and how will it benefit Washington's 8th Congressional District?

This is a funding request from the Energy and Water Appropriations bill. The request is made to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from the USACE Operations and Maintenance Account and conforms to the account's requirements.

Mud Mountain Dam is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control dam and recreation facility on the White River near Mt. Rainier National Park in Washington State. Visitors to the facility can view the dam, picnic, hike, bike or ride their horses in a scenic woodland setting. The facility also assists with migrating threatened fish species (steelhead, coho and chinook salmon) return to their natural spawning grounds by collecting them in a trapping facility near Buckley, WA. Fish are transported upstream of the dam in a specially-equipped tanker truck and released back into the White River. After the fingerlings hatch, they pass through the tunnels of the dam heading for Puget Sound. Removal of the penstocks and control valves from the intake works and installation of the new radial gates significantly improved their chances of survival. The Corps of Engineers is in the final stages of preparing to reconstruct the diversion dam at this passage facility. Continued operations and replacement of the 100-year-old White River diversion dam and the accompanying trap and haul facilities will enable threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon in the White River to continue to pass to spawning habitat above Mud Mountain Dam, avoiding the endangerment of the threatened salmon. The diversion dam is also a critical component of the diversion of White River waters to Lake Tapps, the largest lake in Pierce County and a popular recreational destination in the state.

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Specific language proposed for Congressman's request to the subcommittee (if any):

"Provide \$_____ for operational and maintenance activities at Mud Mountain Dam, Pierce County, Washington."

Is there any other relevant information regarding this request that you would like to share?

The Lake Tapps Task Force provides community support for the continuation of the project. Puget Sound Energy operates and maintains the White River diversion dam through a contract with the Corps. The Cascade Water Alliance is a member of the Lake Tapps Task Force and provides in-kind support to the Corps.

CONTINUE FOR DEFENSE REQUEST ONLY:

What is the name and number of the Program Officer for this request?

Have you contacted the Program Officer?

Appropriations Account: (Please check)

☐ RDT&E ☐ Procurement ☐ O&M ☐ Counter Drugs ☐ Medical
☐ Reserve Equipment ☐ National Guard Equipment ☐ Other (DW, for example)

Service: (Please check)

☐ Army ☐ Army Reserve ☐ Navy ☐ Navy Reserve ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Marine Corps Reserve
☐ Air Force ☐ Air Force Reserve ☐ Intelligence ☐ Army Guard ☐ Air National Guard

Line Item Title:

Identification:

R-1/PE # _____ P-1/Line # _____ TIARA/JMIP (Intel Only) _____

Sub-Activity Group (required for Personnel and O&M):